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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

In the Application of **David Scott Bohlen** Michael Chris Jensen Lester John Hollihan Scott William Capeci Sergio Cardola

Serial No. 09/171,377

Filed: 10/16/98

Group Art Unit 1751

Examiner: Douyon, L.

HIGH DENSITY DETERGENT-MAKING PROCESS USING A HIGH ACTIVE

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- 3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated June 11, 1999 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$380 for a two (2) month extension of time.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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 - b. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

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AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 11, 1999, the Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendment and remarks and reconsider the rejected claims. The Applicants also request the Examiner to grant a 2-month extension of time and charge the fees due to the assignee's account number indicated on the transmittal sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2.

Please amend claim 1 and 11 as follows:

- (Once Amended) A process for preparing detergent agglomerates comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a non-linear viscoelastic surfactant paste including, by weight of said surfactant paste, from about 70% to 95% of a detersive surfactant, from about 5% to about 30% of water, and an excess amount of an alkali metal hydroxide such that the pH of said surfactant paste is at least about 10, and wherein said surfactant paste is substantially free of materials which produce a gas when reacted with an acid, said materials being carbonates, percarbonates and perborates;
 - (b) regulating the temperature of said surfactant paste within a range of from about 50°C to about 80 °C so that said surfactant paste is processable and stable for at least 48 hours;





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